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Council Meeting
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In cooperation with Sam Houston State University, the City of Huntsville is pleased to offer live broadcasting of City Council meetings on local cable channel 7.

Most City Council meetings take place and are aired at 6:00pm during the first and third Tuesdays of each month; however, during holidays the schedule for City Council meetings will vary.

In addition, re-runs of City Council meetings are aired each Wednesday at noon and 6:00pm and on Sundays—moving to a new time at noon.

Agendas for these meetings can be found at www.huntsvilletx.gov/agenda.

Agendas are posted 72 hours prior to the meeting in two forms – one is the simple agenda only, and the other is the full packet including background information.

For more information, please contact Chris Vasquez, IT Manager at (936) 291-5429.

Don't forget—Wi-Fi access is available at the Huntsville Public Library and at City Hall.

Also, City Council Meeting audio is available at http://www.huntsvilletx.gov/city_government/audio/.

Are you familiar with the City's website? Have you noticed our updated look? We've changed things up a bit, so visit us at www.huntsvilletx.gov.

What will you see? Well, for one, we've tried to separate the meeting notices from other news events and other information.

Under our brief "Welcome!" section is the "Calendar" where you can find the next few scheduled Public Meetings and Events. When additional information is available, such as a meeting agenda or flyer, it will be accessible by clicking on the meeting or event title. Sometimes we calendar public meetings well in advance of our 72-hour posting requirement, so if you don't find what you're looking for initially, please check back!

Below the "Calendar" section is the "City News" section. We've been posting several kinds of reports and information in this section from various City departments. Much like the meetings and events, if additional documents are available, they can be accessed by clicking on the news article title. The City's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2009 is available online – see the left-hand directory for the budget documents – as well as various online and other services listed.

And, don't forget...you can sign up to get the City Connection in full color delivered to your Inbox, along with other City informational pamphlets, agendas, fliers or notices. Go to http://www.huntsvilletx.gov/residents/e_services/e_news and sign up for as many or few notifications as you would like.

2009 Election News!

The City of Huntsville, Walker County Hospital District and Huntsville ISD will hold a Joint Election on Saturday, May 9, 2009.

In order to vote in this election you must be a registered voter of the particular political subdivision. The last day to register to vote in the upcoming May Election is April 9th. If you are not sure if your voter registration is current you may call (936)436-4959 or visit <https://team1.sos.state.tx.us/voterws/viw/faces/Introduction.jsp>.

There will be one Early Voting Polling Place for all entities located at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

Early Voting By Personal Appearance

April 27th –May 1st	8am—5pm
May 2nd	8am—12pm
May 3rd	1pm—5pm
May 4th—May 5th	7am—7pm

Curbside voting will be available upon request. If you need to vote curbside, it is suggested that you please call (936) 291-5403 in advance to arrange for this service.

Please remember to bring proper identification to the polling place. The most common forms of identification used are voter registration certificate or driver's license.

To request an Application for Ballot by Mail (ABBM), please contact the City Secretary's office at (936) 291-5403. You may also print the form from the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/index.shtml>.

ABBM may be delivered by mail or in person by the applicant or by common or contract carrier until 5pm, April 24th. After April 24th, ABBM are acceptable via mail only. The last day for the Early Voting Clerk to accept ABBM (via USPS) is May 1st.

On **Election Day** (Saturday, May 9th), please note that voters will report to their precinct polling places as set out in the map included on the following page.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to the election process, please contact Stephanie Brim, City Secretary at (936) 291-5403 or via email at sbrim@huntsvilletx.gov.

Noticias De Eleccion del 2009!

La ciudad de Huntsville, El distrito del hospital del condado de Walker, y el distrito de la escuela independiente de Huntsville sostendran una eleccion unida el sabado 9 de Mayo del 2009.

Para poder votar en esta eleccion tiene que estar registrado para votar en una subdivision politica particular. El ultimo dia para registrarse para poder votar en la eleccion de Mayo es el 9 de Abril. Si acaso no esta seguro si su tarjeta de registracion esta corriente puede llamar a (936) 436-4959 or visit la pagina de internet a <https://team1.sos.state.tx.us/voterws/viw/faces/Introduction.jsp>.

Va haber solo un lugar de votacion temprana para todas las entidades, localizado en el ayuntamiento, 1212 Ave M, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

Votacion Temprana Por Aspecto Personal

Abril 27—Mayo 1	8am — 5pm
Mayo 2	8am — 12pm
Mayo 3	1pm — 5pm
Mayo 4—Mayo 5	7am — 7pm

Votacion a vanqueta sera disponible sobre peticion. Si necesita votar por vanqueta se le sujiere que porfavor llame 936-291-5403 con tiempo avanzado para arreglar este servicio para usted.

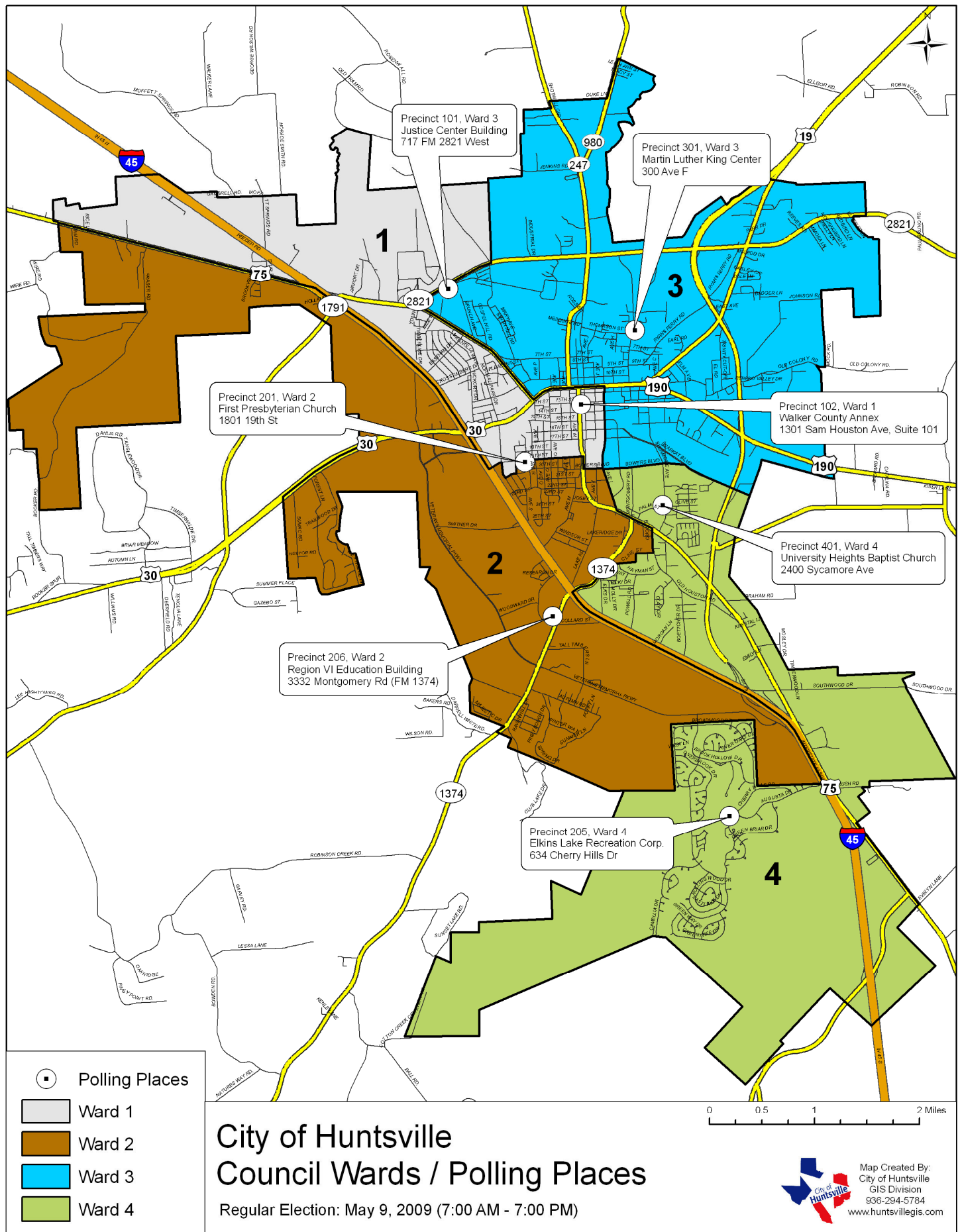
Porfavor requerre traer identificacion apropiada al lugar de votacion. La forma de identificacion mas comun es su registro de votante o su licencia de conducir.

Si quiere una aplicacion de boleto por correo (ABBM) porfavor llame la oficina de la secretaria de la ciudad a (936) 291-5403. Tambien puede imprimir la forma en el internet si va al ministro de asuntos exteriores a <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/index.shtml>.

ABBM puede ser mandado por correo o en persona o por portador de contrato hasta las 5 de la tarde el 24 de Abril. Despues del 24, los ABBM nomas seran aceptados por correo. El ultimo dia para que la oficina de votacion acepte ABBM es el 1 de Mayo.

En el **dia de votacion** (Sabado 9 de Mayo) porfavor note que los votantes se reportaran a su lugar de votacion que le corresponde a su recinto que esta en el mapa en la pagina en seguida.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o preocupacion relacionado al proceso de eleccion porfavor pongase en contacto con Stephanie Brim secretaria de la ciudad a (936)-291-5403 o por email a sbrim@huntsvilletx.gov.



Spring Lake Filter Project

The water filtration system construction project is on schedule and should be online March 11, 2009. Numerous operational tests performed indicate that the equipment is functioning properly and as designed.

As a reminder, City water crews will initiate an aggressive waterline cleaning program of the distribution system that is under the influence of the Spring Lake Water Plant. Staff anticipates the waterline cleaning to begin in mid to late March following the filter system startup. Notices will be sent to the areas of the water distribution system that are being cleaned. The customers served by the Spring Lake Water Plant are all those residing west of IH 45. The waterline cleaning process will be conducted in stages, beginning with

the Spring Lake subdivision, and will require special planning and cooperation with all the citizens involved. There will be scheduled outages that will require the water to be cut off at each house for a short time while each of the lines are being cleaned and flushed. This entire waterline cleaning process will take several months to complete.

Future City Connection articles will provide progress on this project to keep citizens informed and to minimize inconveniences due to service interruptions. If you should have any questions regarding this project please feel free to contact Jason Pierce, Water Services Superintendent, at (936) 294-5762.

Police/Fire Statistics January 2009

Police:

♦ Calls for service:	4381
♦ Accidents investigated:	64
♦ Animal Control complaints investigated:	74

Fire:

♦ Calls for service:	148
♦ Main alarm calls:	32

Calendar

MARCH

- 11 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Pick-up—call in required (936) 294-5796
- 17 City Council Meeting—6pm at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M
- 18 Yard Waste Trimming Pick-up—no call in required
- 21 Trash Bash & Tire Blast —7:30am-1:00pm at City Disposal & Recycling Facility-590 I-45 N
- 25 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Pick-up—call in required (936) 294-5796

APRIL

- 1 Yard Waste Trimming Pick-up—no call in
- 7 City Council Meeting at 6:00pm at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M
- 8 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Pick-up—call in required (936) 294-5796
- 10 **Good Friday—City Offices Closed (Solid Waste Services Closed-No Pick up)**
- 15 Yard Waste Trimming Pick-up—no call in
- 21 City Council Meeting at 6:00pm at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M
- 22 Heavy Trash & Large Yard Waste Pick-up—call in required (936) 294-5796
- 25 Spring Clean of Historic Downtown from 9:00am—2:00pm—meet at Courthouse Gazebo
- 27 Early Voting Begins @ City Hall, 1212 Avenue M from 8:00am-5:00pm
- 29 Yard Waste Trimming Pick-up—no call in

MAY

- 2 & 3 Weekend Early Voting at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M from 8:00am-12:00pm Saturday and 1:00pm—5:00pm Sunday
- 2 Tire Blast-8:00am-12:00pm at City Disposal & Recycling Facility—590 I-45 N
- 2 8th Annual Airing Of the Quilts from 9:00am-4:00pm around the square
- 4 & 5 12-hour days for Early Voting at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M from 7:00am—7:00pm
- 5 City Council Meeting at 6:00pm at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M
- 9 Election Day—Polls open from 7:00am—7:00pm
- 19 City Council Meeting at 6:00pm at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M

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for a complete calendar of events